

# All Daugherty's Facts Twisted, Says Gompers

A. F. of L. President Assails Attorney General's Canton Speech as Mass of Distorted Data

## Upholds Rail Strikers

No Threat of Civil War, He Says; Questions Cabinet Officer's War Fraud Claims

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—In a bitter reply to the speech of Attorney General Daugherty at Canton, Ohio, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, challenges the veracity of the head of the Department of Justice. He declares that a number of the assertions of the Attorney General with respect to the railroad strike, such as the declaration that the strike was a "revolt against the government" and "the nation was in the grip of civil war," are "absolute falsehoods." He asserts that the Attorney General has "misrepresented and falsified the facts," and that he has displayed "partisan bias" and "heated temper."

Gompers criticized the procedure of the Attorney General with respect to the war grafters and profiteers. He says that when the Attorney General discussed the railroad injunction he "rose to the heights of the ridiculous." Mr. Gompers said in part: "Mr. Daugherty assures us that he did not undertake the injunction procedure as a partisan or as the advocate of the railroads. 'I was neutral,' he proclaims, until it became apparent that our people and our industries were being materially affected."

In view of the unscrupulous representation contained in the balance of the address, I am inclined to believe that the Attorney General protests entirely too much. The Department of Justice, he says, spent \$1,500,000 in seven weeks. Mr. Daugherty says that "more than 27,000 affidavits" concerning anarchy bordering on civil war were secured. He casts a reflection on the quality of these affidavits, leaving his hearers to believe that they represented the solemn truth. "As a matter of fact these affidavits were literally fished out of the sewers among strike breakers and paid agents of the most desperate character, most of whom were perfectly willing to sign anything which they were paid to sign, and many of whom have now disappeared entirely from the locality in which they had temporary residence when the affidavits were secured."

All Biased, He Says  
"I have no way of knowing how much of the \$1,500,000 was expended in securing this enormous number of affidavits, but I am sure that these affidavits served any purpose whatever but the railroads' interests that secured the benefit and not the people of the United States."

"Mr. Daugherty's characterization of the strike and the strikers is so filled with hatred, exaggeration and calumny that every thinking person will understand it for what it is. The official who presides over the Department of Justice is supposed to be interested in the even-handed dispensation of justice, and he is supposed to be interested in an impartial examination of truth."

"Partisan bias, untruth, exaggerated statements and a display of heated temper could scarcely be so unfitting on the part of any other member of the Cabinet. Mr. Daugherty says the railroad strike was a 'bold challenge to constitutional government'; that the government 'renounced the protection of governmental authority'; that they 'mutinied against a decision' of the Railroad Labor Board; that they 'were instructed by their leaders to lay down their tools'; that they 'walked out in defiance of the law'; that the strike was a 'revolt against government'; and that 'scarcely a community in any part of this broad, free land was being spared the ire and heat of terrorism.' He says further that 'the nation was in the grip of civil war' and that the country was 'stung to a fury.'"

"Having been a close observer of the situation at all times and having been intimately informed as to the facts, I say with all the emphasis of which I am capable that each of the above statements made by Mr. Daugherty at Canton is an absolute falsehood."

"Having misrepresented and falsified the facts, naturally the Attorney General finds it necessary to draw conclusions which are not in accord with the facts. First, the strike of the railroad shop workers was not ordered by the leaders, but was ordered by the rank and file of the membership, in every case through the medium of the referendum vote. The strike was neither a 'renunciation' of the transportation act, a 'revolt against government,' a 'challenge to constitutional government,' nor a 'defiance of the law.'"

Captain H. L. Scaife, formerly of

## Clothing Makers Work Better in Easy Chairs

"As a man sits, so shall he work."

This anatomical discovery was announced yesterday by the Joint Board of Sanitary Control of the Ladies' Garment Industry, following the completion of an investigation of seating and lighting in 250 New York garment-manufacturing shops.

Experiments conducted in connection with the inquiry showed that clothing workers provided with special chairs having saddle-shaped seats and adjustable backs suffered far less from fatigue and were able to do better work than workers forced to sit on ordinary cane or kitchen chairs. Bad seating, it was discovered, produces round shoulders, sunken chests, deviations of the spine and similar troubles.

The Department of Justice, also assailed the speech of the Attorney General. Captain Scaife now is counsel for the Woman's Clean Government organization.

"That Mr. Daugherty and other officials," said Captain Scaife, "had no intention to prosecute the big grafters is evidenced by the fact that it was nearly three years after the article was published that the Department of Justice would recommend to Congress the passage of an act to extend the statute of limitations in cases of attempts to defraud the United States; and when such an act was finally passed the initiative was taken in this matter by private individuals, and not by any official of the government."

"This ought effectively to answer the claims of the Attorney General as to the great work which was proceeding in his department when the situation was carried to Congress and to 'the people.'"

## Banker Adds Details to Alleged Auto Fraud Plot

Leonard W. Simmons, member of the banking firm of C. R. Richard & Co., 29 Broadway, gave some additional details yesterday of the alleged attempt to draw his firm into a \$6,000,000 deal which was said to have been based upon an automobile theft swindle engineered from Detroit. Edward J. Sweeney was arrested in Detroit Saturday just as he was about to accept a check for \$10,000 from a representative of the Richard bank as first payment of capital to promote a huge automobile export plan.

"Sweeney represented himself to be an agent of the General Motors Corporation and really was connected with that company for a long time," said Mr. Simmons. "He was well known in Detroit and New York. In Detroit he had made the best of his General Motors Corporation connection, we will charge, to gain social standing and business reference. That he was successful in this we are able to show by the references he offered to us."

"He agreed to furnish large numbers of General Motors cars in all styles at attractive prices, and we believed in his ability to do so. We were interested as exporters. As a bank we were willing to finance the plan within reasonable limits. Then we learned that a sample car submitted and sold immediately in New York had been stolen in Detroit."

"The Detroit police are now looking for a large number of stolen cars of General Motors make."

## Bonar Law Is Ready to Take British Helm

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has represented the Irish constituency of Liverpool since 1885, and Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, find themselves in a curious position. Practically the only party in the Nationalist party has been home rule for Ireland, and with Ireland about to become a free state their platform is pulled from under them. The Nationalists usually co-operated with the Liberals in the past, but that was because the Liberal party was the British party of home rule. Meetings of the Irish members have been called to discuss the party's position.

With the departure of Mr. Lloyd George for his country residence and the secretariat at No. 10 Downing Street busy preparing for removal, political interest to-day shifted to Omslow Gardens, where Andrew Bonar Law is giving the finishing touches to his Cabinet list for presentation to the King tomorrow.

Lord Cave, former Home Secretary, visited Mr. Bonar Law to-day, but nothing developed to throw light on the future.

### Newspaper Line-up Uncertain

One factor, important if not vital to Mr. Lloyd George's campaign, remains hazy thus far—that is, what newspaper support the retiring Premier will command. The majority of the London papers are against him. They include "The London Times" and "The Daily Mail," although the new chief of the latter publication, Lord Rothermere, published a warm eulogy of Mr. Lloyd George's work; the Conservative "Morning Post," which has been the organ of the "die hard" Unionists, and "The Daily Express."

The old "Liberal Daily News" applauds Mr. Bonar Law's victory, but has not definitely thrown over the Lloyd George policy. "The Daily Chronicle" and "The Evening Standard" are the only papers strongly for him. Lord Burham's "Daily Telegraph" has not yet made clear its policy.

The alignment of the provincial papers is still uncertain, but "The Manchester Guardian," which is a great power in the Midlands, has been calling upon Mr. Lloyd George to go into temporary retirement in the interests of the country and himself.

### Churchill to Remain Liberal

Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies in the Lloyd George Cabinet, who has taken no part in the political crisis, owing to illness, has telegraphed the president of the Liberal Association, promising to issue a political manifesto shortly. In his telegram Mr. Churchill stated briefly that his political viewpoint had not been changed by recent events.

"I am chairman of the National Liberal Council," the message said, "and I propose to stand as a Liberal and a free trader. But I shall ask the electors to authorize me to co-operate freely with the sober-minded and progressive Conservatives in defending the lasting and central interests of this realm and its wide empire against the dangerous attacks now about to be leveled upon them by the Socialist and Communist forces, as well as the almost equally serious menace of downright reaction from the opposite quarter."

"I shall appeal to the Liberals and the Conservatives of Dundee to stand shoulder to shoulder against the Labor and Communist candidates."

The Sunday papers are full of predictions regarding the program of the new government and the composition of the Cabinet. All give advice to the prospective Prime Minister on the necessity of settling foreign affairs, so that the country's trade may be carried on. "The Sunday Observer" appeals for fair play for Mr. Bonar Law

and his colleagues and urges the immediate clearing up of foreign affairs. Referring to Mr. Lloyd George, "The Observer" says: "Premier is by far and away the most brilliant popular leader in the world. His peace ministry was much below his war ministry in merit. A greater tenure of office and power will return to him in due season. Not, we hope, before he has had leisure enough to refresh and deepen his thought."

### Calls Decline Temporary

"The Sunday Times," in an editorial on Mr. Lloyd George, says: "For the time being the greatest personal force and the most fascinating figure in our politics is out of power."

The paper considers that it should be recorded that there is one portion of his career that will always be biased in letters of gold in British annals. By his transcendent services in the war, first as Minister Munitions and second in the Premiership, he brought about victory, on which alone his whole being was centered. Throw into the scale every defect of personality that criticism may discover and every mistake in policy that may be imputed to him since the armistice. Mr. Lloyd George still remains of all living Britons the one to whom the country and the empire are most indebted.

"The Coalition has left behind it a far more serious situation than the country has yet begun to realize. The Chanak crisis, reacting far and wide on the rest of our external connections, has worked to the profound prejudice of our whole world policy and of our own most vital interests. After a disastrous six weeks the general situation is no longer what it was before—it is deeply changed to our detriment."

### Calls Bonar Law Safe

"The Sunday Times" further declares the country will be safe in the hands of a Prime Minister as level-headed as Mr. Bonar Law.

"It is not a great man, nor a clever man," says the paper, "but Great Britain just now is looking for a man whose character it can trust and on whose not too exciting abilities it hopes to repose in tranquility, and it is disposed to believe that it has found what it wants in Mr. Bonar Law."

Regarding the rumors of Mr. Bonar Law's health the political correspondents of the paper claim to know that the statement that Mr. Bonar Law's medical advisers warned him against taking a heavy responsibility is not correct.

"The new leader was never in better health," he declares, "and his doctor gave him a clean bill of health."

### Leeds Speech Disappoints

Mr. Lloyd George's failure in his Leeds speech to outline any defined policy is a disappointment to the political world. The probability is that the former Premier had been caught unawares. While it was foreseen that a general election could not much longer be delayed hardly anybody expected such a widespread and determined revolt on the part of the conservative wing of the Coalition as to force the Prime Minister to resign and resort to such a purely personal matter.

The need to get Irish legislation disposed of before December 6 gives little time for an election campaign, which must be conducted with lightning speed. There is no great question before the public that could make a good election plank.

Despite Winston Churchill's statement of policy as that of a Liberal and Free Trader, thus following in the wake of Mr. Lloyd George, it is hardly possible that either can make free trade a prominent plank because both were responsible for the safeguarding of industries act passed by the Coalition government, which is a measure of a completely protectionist character. Such a measure has been strongly denounced from its inception by the Free Trade party.

### Followers Divide on Labor

Mr. Lloyd George's idea, judging from his Leeds speech, is merely by his record and personality to attract all possible votes from the moderate Liberal and Conservative parties.

There is, however, no agreement among the followers of Lloyd George about their attitude towards the Labor Party. Mr. Lloyd George himself has said nothing against the party, while Mr. Churchill in appealing against the alleged socialist and communist tendencies of that party.

What position the Labor party will hold in the new Parliament is among the most interesting questions. They number seventy-seven in the present Parliament, but are now much better organized, and expect to return at least 150 members to the new House.

Liberal and Archibald Liberals might have much greater success if they could arrive at a working agreement and not fight each other, but the Laborites have always refused such an arrangement, and as both parties insist upon running candidates the result is a number of three-cornered contests, in which the Conservative wins on a minority vote through the splitting of the progressive vote between Labor and Liberals.

Another interesting point is what part Lord Robert Cecil will take in the coming campaign. He is a Unionist, but has long opposed the whole coalition policy, and has in his political outlook more affinity with the Liberals and Labor than with the policy represented by Lloyd George or the late Coalition. If he would be content to throw in his lot with the Free Liberals or Labor he could almost certainly count upon being accepted as a leader.

## Two Called Perjurors In Trial of Union Agent

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Confessions that they perjured themselves in the trial of Thomas Walsh, business agent of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, who was charged with the murder of Adolph George Gast, saloonkeeper, and his bartender, George Gast, are alleged to have been made to-day by Martin Byrne, a bartender, and John Norton, clerk in the municipal court, according to announcements to-night by M. S. Stewart, Assistant State's Attorney. Dennis Mackey, an employee in the County Treasurer's office, also is being held as the result of the alleged confessions.

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## Harding Sends Out Near East Appeal, Naming Sponsors

Every State and Possession Is Represented on the Committee to Promote Extension of Relief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Appointment by President Harding of a committee of sponsors, representing every state, territory and insular possession of the Union, to aid in the extension of Near East relief, was announced to-night at the White House.

The President, in appointing these sponsors, the White House announcement said, informed them that he desired them "to co-operate with the American Red Cross and the Near East Relief and with the co-ordinating committee made up of the heads of the organizations interested in relief work in the Near East, of which Mr. Will H. Hays is chairman, in making known to all of our countrymen the great call which has come out of the Near East to the least of the American people."

More than a half million suffering human beings, the majority women and children, are dependent on the benevolence of America," the President's message said. "The Red Cross and Near East relief committees, working in harmony and supported by all benevolent organizations, are responding to the call. The co-ordinating committee is helping develop the money-raising campaign and bringing into concerted action all the forces possible. You will not be burdened with details, but the association of your name will be a great influence in their work in your community."

Governors of the various states, territorial and insular possessions have been selected as ex officio members of the committee on which more than 150 private citizens have been named. Of the latter the largest number are from New York City and are as follows:

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## Slashes Wife, Breaks Leg

Negro Falls Down Stairs After Argument and Is Arrested

Dennis Washington, a negro, went to call on his wife at 66 West 133d Street yesterday evening, and in the course of an argument slashed her arm and cheek. She complained so loudly that Dennis cut short his call and departed.

An ambulance surgeon attended to Mrs. Washington and Patrolman Simers and Detective Scott, surmising that Dennis might return to resume the argument, sat down to wait for him. They were only midway in their first cigar when there was a clatter and a thump on the stairs.

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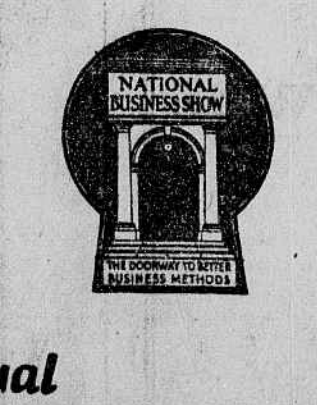
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